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Newark Councilwoman-at-Large Marie Villani has presented a motion to the City Council calling for an investigation by the state, county and city Consumer Affairs Department into the price gouging practices of some city food markets. Villani asserts that food prices go up on the days when welfare checks are in the mail.

"Such practices are despicable," she said. How can there be any hope to get ahead when poor people are exploited and bled dry by unscrupulous merchants?

Villani said that she wants to see an investigation team which will check out food market prices in the city and surrounding suburban communities for price disparities, then she wants full scale monitoring of markets in the city for signs of price gouging.

**NEW POSTAL RATES DISCUSSED WITH NJ BUSINESS**

**NEWARK, NJ**—Associate Postmaster General Kenneth J. Hunter, for the United States Postal Service will hold a special briefing for major New Jersey mailers on Tuesday, March 20, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. Newark Main Post Office, room B37-39, 2 Federal Square in Newark. Following this, at 1:00 p.m., Hunter will speak to the Rotary Club of Hillsdale, meeting at the Reflections Restaurant, 334 Yale Ave. (between corner of Liberty and Harvard Ave.), Hillsdale, New Jersey.

Hunter is expected to discuss how much postal rates will increase; their effect on all categories of mail (i.e. 1st class and 2nd class); and the Postal Service's plan to cut future costs.

Hunter is the third top ranking Executive in the Postal Service and responsible for employee labor relations, technology and information resources, new buildings and equipment, marketing service and industry relations Programs.

**A Squad in need of rescuing**

It's 3:00 a.m., you're dreaming about a warm, nice place with white sand and blue water. When suddenly you awaken to the shrieking tones of a Rescue Squad pacer. You get dressed go to the Squad building to wait for your partner and pick up the ambulance. Your partner arrives and you're on your way. As you approach the "emergency" scene, you see your "patient" leaning up against a car, smoking a cigarette and telling you that he doesn't feel

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Newark and Plainfield youth benefit from teen projects



High School Redirection press conference—Two mothers seated with their children, Lori Brown with son William Brown and Joanne Arays with daughter Melinda Casimir. Standing (left to right) Newark School Superintendent Dr. Eugene Campbell, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Victor A. Peison, President and Group Executive of AT&T's Communications Services Division, Lucinda Florio, Acting Associate Commissioner State Department of Human Services Larry Lockhart, Governor Jim Florio and Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell.

photo by Glenn Friesen.



Former Congressman Peter Rodino, Ron Brown, National Democratic Committee Chairman, and Congressman Donald Payne at Payne fund raiser at Essex Club in Newark.

photo by Glenn Friesen

**Belmont/Runyon parents meet to solve problems**

by Marilyn Herod

The aftermath of the tragic death of an 8-year-old pupil from Belmont Runyon School, led to a "Kick-Off" meeting held recently by concerned parents to discuss the goals for the school. The young boy died January 28, of an infection caused by bacterial meningitis. His death led to further investigation of the school, since the parents had been complaining about the unhealthy conditions there for several months. "It is a shame that an 8-year-old had to die before so many people woke up," said Sheila Holden, a parent at the school. "We want people to know, we do care about our children and we are deeply concerned about the conditions of the school."

The meeting was centered around the procedures of electing new officers and improving parents' involvement in the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA). Dorothy Menoli, president of the Essex County PTA advised and answered questions concern-

ing the operation of a PTA. Associate Superintendent of Schools, Anzella Nelms, intro-

duced the new principal, Arthur Marano who succeeds Roger

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**Rice calls for response to community concerns on Chapter I**

In a letter sent to Eugene Campbell, Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools, West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice requested detailed information on the causes for the current Chapter I deficits, which will have an impact on the program's basic skills summer component.

According to Rice, several West Ward parents had complained previously that there were no summer school programs available for their children, unless they were in Chapter I. That whole situation was bad enough

but now, with these latest cuts, even summer school for Chapter I students would also be eliminated, leaving all Newark students without an opportunity for basic skills remediation over the summer."

In his correspondence, Rice indicated the citizens had complaints with the program and that he has concerns with the Chapter I program which include: causes of the \$2 million dollar deficit in the Chapter I program and the lack of resolution after three

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Gov. Jim Florio, Lucinda Florio, Larry Lockhart, acting associate commissioner for the state Department of Human Services, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell, and many business, education and civic leaders of both Plainfield and Newark.

The Newark program will be housed at Newark's High School Redirection, a school for former dropouts. It will start in June of 1990.

A key feature of both the Newark and Plainfield Programs is the availability of on-site, high school child-care centers to enable teen parents to continue their education. In addition, the programs provide pre- and post-natal care, parenting education, medical assistance, literacy and job training, personal counseling, mentorship arrangements, and more. In an effort to strengthen the entire family unit, services also are available for a teen parent's immediate family.

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**Workers needed to count homeless**

Philadelphia, PA—On the evening of March 20 and the morning of March 21, the Bureau of the Census will launch a massive effort to include homeless persons in the decennial census.

The census, taken every ten years since 1790, have always counted homeless persons but this is the first time there has been such a focused and ambitious effort to improve the count and to identify selected components of the homeless population.

The Census Bureau will not provide an official definition of homelessness or a total count of homeless persons. Rather, it will count selected components of the homeless population in two major operations.

On "shelter and street night," March 20 and 21, 1990, the bureau will count persons in pre-identified emergency shelters, both public and private, and open locations in the streets or other places not intended for habitation.

These sites were identified from

letters to some 39,000 officials in urban and rural areas across the U.S., and asking them to work with service providers, advocacy groups and homeless persons themselves to identify the shelter and street locations to be visited during the operation.

Work will begin on the evening of March 20 when the population is settled for the night. Enumeration will occur in shelters from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, on the streets from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., and outside abandoned and boarded-up buildings from 4:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Among the pre-identified sites where data will be collected are:



A Sharpe Pointe of Light

by Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

Reviewing a reporter's comments attributed to Mayor Sharpe James, it seems as though the mayor may have made a profound contribution to improving education in inner city schools. Basically the article, reflecting on a speech by the mayor, indicated that he said there should be new light bulbs put into one of the high school gyms. According to the article, the mayor's quip was stimulated by complaints from opponents of the high school basketball team. As

When white children and parents complain about conditions in education, things generally get done.

you know, Newark basketball teams are playing in suburban dominated leagues. The two organizations necessities that Newark teams play in the beautiful facilities of the surrounding schools and the surrounding schools play in Newark's school facilities.

On any other day, the comment

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# CITY PEOPLE

## UMDNJ-Concerned Citizens honor 29 for community service



The Back Street Galleries of Montclair and the Black United Fund of N.J. held their celebrity art auction at the Essex Club in Newark. Left to right Tichina Arnold from All My Children, Bill Franklin from Back Street Gallery, Patrice Franklin from Back Street Gallery, Count Stovall from All My Children, Robert Pickett chairman of Black History month appeal. photo by Glen Frieson



Grand opening of Peppermint Entertainment Complex left to right Keith Hunter (Manager) Morris Billingslea (partner) Jan Billingslea (partner) Orange's Mayor Robert L. Brown, Orange Council President Marion Silvestri, Keith Wright (promotor). photo by Emile Dillon, Jr.



Senator Bill Bradley (center) joins East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper (right) and Essex freeholder Leroy Jones at the annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade. photo by Glenn Frieson

Thurston Briscoe has been appointed the new Program Director of WBGO-FM, Newark Public Radio. Briscoe joins JAZZ 88 following nine years with the National Public Radio system.

Anne Kosof, General Manager of WBGO says, "Thurston Briscoe brings to WBGO-FM a

broad vision for programming and extensive experience in radio. We are confident that his experience will be a superb addition to an already exceptional programming philosophy that has made WBGO-FM one of the most listened to public radio stations in the country."

Community forum to discuss the importance of the census as well as jobs that will be available. 7:00 p.m. at Mason School. Call 753-3377 for information.

March 17 Candidates for Board of Education are invited to attend a briefing addressing the structure and responsibilities of local school board on March 17, 12:30 p.m. at the Aspen Head, route 46 West, Parsippany. For information, call (201) 625-2150.

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March 20 Plainfield Board of Education will hold Business Meeting at Plainfield High Library at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Representatives of organizations interested in applying for History grants are invited to an informational meeting to be held at the Union County Administration Annex, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 527-4872.

Twenty-nine "unsung heroes" have been honored for outstanding service to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and the community at large.

The UMDNJ's Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC) honored the men during a recent Black Heritage Month awards luncheon at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

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Essex: Robert Arnold, Verona, of UMDNJ-University Hospital, for helping UMDNJ become one of America's top 25 health sciences universities; John Couch, Hillside, of UMDNJ's Department of Human Resources; Bernard Sarrel, Milburn, director of Planning and Management Services at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School; and Charles Walker, Irvington, director of the South Ward Ambulance Service, now with UMDNJ Emergency Medical Services.

Middlesex: Ronald Burns, Piscataway, of the UMDNJ Store Room and Receiving Department; Donald Morgan, Carteret, executive director of the UMDNJ Middlesex Health Institute; and James Savage, East Brunswick, of UMDNJ-University Hospital, for volunteer fund-raising to assist disaster victims.

Monmouth: Noah Marshall, of Neptune, principal of Harriet Tubman Junior High School, Newark; and Rufus Rucker, of Union Falls, of UMDNJ's Physical Plant Office.

Sussex: Bruce Bishop, of Byram Township, assistant director of Materials Management at UMDNJ.

Somerset: Shirley Liggins, of Somers, of UMDNJ-University Hospital's Housekeeping Department.

Hudson: Raymond Mahoney, of Jersey City, an accounttant from the UMDNJ-University Hospital Business Office, and

Union: Dr. Daag Williams, of Roselle, of UMDNJ's Community Mental Health Center, for his efforts in bringing UMDNJ to top 25 status.



David Jenkins, of Newark, accepts an award from Edna Greenleaf, a member of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC). Jenkins was one of 29 men honored by the BCC at an awards luncheon recently for outstanding service to UMDNJ and the community.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Campbell, of Newark, are shown with Mary Matson (right), chairperson of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC). Campbell was one of 29 men honored by the BCC at an awards luncheon recently for outstanding service to UMDNJ and the community.

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## Quince takes over Housing Mortgage Finance Agency

TRENTON-Kevin Quince, an East Windsor resident who has held a number of key managerial positions at the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMA) over the past 15 years was named Executive Director by Governor Jim Florio.

Quince, 39, replaced Arthur J. Mauriello, who resigned last month to become Chief Executive Officer of the New Community Corporation in Newark. Before his promotion, Quince was an Assistant Executive Director who supervised three of the Agency's seven divisions for two years.

As Executive Director, Quince will take charge of the entire Agency which has a staff of 207 and a real estate portfolio of more than \$2.5 billion. Quince will also serve as a member of the Council on Affordable Housing, a government body created by the State Legislature to meet a court-ordered mandate to increase the State's supply of low- and moderate-income housing, and he will hold the position of Vice-President and Secretary of the Housing Assistance Corporation (HASCO), an Agency subsidiary.

Under Kevin's stewardship, the Agency will continue to be a strong advocate and financier of housing for low- and moderate-income families, said Melvin R. Primas, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and Chairman of the NJHMA. "His extensive experience in all facets of housing production and management will allow him to utilize the Agency's internal and external resources to provide housing for people in the State of New Jersey who are underserved by the conventional market."

Quince began his professional career at the NJHMA in 1974 as a Senior Development Officer, a position he held for six years. From 1980 to 1988, he was a Syndication Officer until he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Agency's Research and Development Division. He became the division's Director in 1986 and served in that position until 1988 when he was promoted to Assistant Executive Director supervising the Agency's Research and Development, Technical Services and Management divisions.

Quince earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Hampton University in Hampton, VA, in 1972 and his Masters in Urban Planning from Rutgers University in 1978. He is also a certified review appraiser and has done post graduate studies at Wharton.



Kevin Quince

### South Africa:

#### Mandela and

#### the winds of change

by Colin Tatem

Over the last three decades the name of Nelson Mandela has become a household word around the world. There have been books, movies and newspaper and television features about him. His future and indeed also his past, have been debated by politicians and statesmen and those of us who follow events in South Africa, as well as international think tanks and even governments. In South Africa the black majority sing songs about him and hail him as their leader and some of the whites see him as their ally while others hope he would just go away. He is 77 years old and has been a political prisoner for 27 of those years as a political prisoner. To publish his writings or even his photograph was illegal in South Africa. He could not even be quoted in public.

Now, at last, Mandela is free. He is no longer a myth, locked away in prison, revered as the spirit of a South African revolution against apartheid and mi-

nority rule. He walked out of prison hand in hand with his wife Winnie and into the hearts and minds of South Africans. A象征 of hope, a real flesh and blood man, a fighter in the political arena and as a symbol for peaceful change. Yes, Mandela and his 30-year ordeal as a revolutionary leader against apartheid, political prisoner, mentor to many who went through prison with him over the years, the inspiration of the black majority seeking a new life in the land of their forefathers is now just an ordinary mortal.

Who is Mandela, this tall, elegant 71 year old man who emerged from prison to lead the opposition against the de Klerk government and apartheid? Who is this man who is seen by both black and white South Africans as the father of a new South Africa?

Nelson Mandela, a member of the royal family of the Thembu, was educated for a position of leadership. Had he not left the Transkei reserve for the city, to study law and national political involvement, he would have, in time, become Paramount Chief of the Thembu. He married twice,

about 180 rental housing developments statewide that are occupied by more than 100,000 tenants. And its Single Family Division has financed mortgages for

more than 55,000 buyers. The NUHMA is nationally recognized for its quality of mortgage products and financial success, and in 1989 it had the highest percentage increase in housing bonds issued in the United States. In 1988, the NUHMA was rated a top-tier financial institution by Standard and Poor's.

### Rescuing

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good and wants to go to the hospital and get checked out. This is an example of how to abuse the services of the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Have you ever called for the Rescue Squad and it took what felt like an hour for the Squad to arrive as if it didn't arrive at all? That is the story of the Plainfield Rescue Squad as volunteers who respond to medical emergencies sometimes from their headquarters, job, or home. They are contacted by the police department via radio pagers which they carry. When responding in their vehicles they use emergency blue lights.

The Plainfield Rescue Squad is staffed by volunteers who reside in Plainfield or the surrounding communities.

One of the challenges facing the Squad is reducing the number of non-emergency calls. In 1989 the squad answered 5800 calls. A large percentage of these calls were for example colds/flu's, toothaches, and request for ice bags. These are not life threatening conditions and the caller can be either treated by a family doctor or taken to the hospital by private vehicle. Unfortunately the squad is being utilized as a free taxi ride. During certain hours

Another challenge facing the Plainfield Rescue Squad is low of the day or night there is no one to man the ambulances.

Requirements to join are a knowledge of first aid, both which can be learned through training at the Rescue Squad or Red Cross. A minimum of 4 hours a week of duty, and attendance at a monthly meeting is also required. The squad will then sponsor the member thru Emergency Medical Technician training which will provide a comprehensive view of pre-hospital life support on the basic ambulance level. This takes approximately 3-4 months.

For those who are interested in

joining the Plainfield Rescue Squad, an observe program is provided for Squad candidates to actually ride a 4 hour shift and experience the program before making a decision to join.

Joining the Squad can also lead to more involvement in the medical profession as a paramedic, nurse, doctor, or physician.

The Plainfield Rescue Squad needs community support in three key areas: recruitment of members, reduction of non-emergency calls and funding for emergency supplies.

Contact the Squad at 755-0003 or come by 700 W. Seventh St. A Squad member will be happy to assist you.

their leader will also want their piece of the pie. Some of the descendants of the British will follow Mandela and the progressive element of Dutch South Africans will accept his leadership, although they too must be appeased. But the Afrikaner right, the Nazi-like militiamen and their followers, some vocal but many in the shadowy quiet of the suburbs, and in the police force, military and civil service, and indeed, all walks of life, who will struggle to hold on to their South Africa, is the great challenge Mandela faces.

Mandela is the father of the South African revolution for three decades now, be it the flesh and blood of Nelson Mandela and his law partner Oliver Tambo who joined the African National Congress in the early 1940's. The aging Tambo now serves as President of the ANC. Mandela was recently elected Deputy President at meetings in Lusaka, Zambia where the ANC set up headquarters after it was banned. It will now re-locate its headquarters inside South Africa, led by Mandela.

Practically all South Africans, black and white, except for the far

right and left accept Mandela, if not the ANC, as the best bet for ending apartheid and bringing about a majority rule. This Transkei prince, a contemporary of Kwame Nkrumah, Patrice Lumumba and Jomo Kenyatta who have all passed into history, should be lauded, could one day become state President. It is feared that to frustrate political advancement toward a majority governed South Africa, there are those, black and white, who may seek to assassinate Mandela. Let us hope this does not happen, for in the wake of a Mandela assassination could come civil war.

Even with the leadership of

Nelson Mandela the road to a majority governed South Africa in which all are equal citizens of the state with rights and opportunities to live and progress according to their desires and abilities is not an easy one. The populous, wealthy, proud and powerful Zulu tribe is a political force to be reckoned with. They are the allies of the British South African against whom their forefathers fought so valiantly. Together they will constitute a formidable political block.

Indians and Colored who now hail Mandela as

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### On the Money

Don Jackson Strikes It Big In African-American TV Programming: If you saw the recently televised Stellar Awards honoring the best in gospel music, then you witnessed the handiwork of Don Jackson. The Stellar Awards were the first African-American awards show to be broadcast on national television. The Gospel Music Workshop Awards in Chicago. Just seeing the entertainment of gospel music by black gospel some of the other awards shows like the Grammys'. The Stellar Awards is just one of the reasons why Don Jackson is fast becoming the nation's leading provider of black-oriented television programming. Other projects include a game show called "Black History Vigettes," and most recently, the company launched "Dionne & Friends," a weekly music series, hosted by Dionne Warwick. However, the project that has brought the most attention is the "Soul Train Awards," which Jackson helped to launch some four years ago. And while Jackson and the show's creative genius, Don Cornelius, had argued that the ratings (which influence the pricing of commercials) hadn't given them a fair shake. That issue was addressed earlier this year at the Jackson arrangement for Rev. Jesse Jackson to sit in while Cornelius inquired as to how his show which last year featured Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor, could come up with a show to compete with A.C. Nielsen's controversial "Motown" of the television industry. "Said Jackson, "I would like to do it first before some white production company comes along and specializes in minority programming. And here in America, that too is possible... Elsewhere on the broadcast scene, Broadcast Capital Fund (Broadcap) has officially declared itself a major player in financing the purchase of radio and television stations for minorities. Recently celebrating its tenth anniversary, the non-profit organization and TV outlets. "We're moving from the farm team to the major leagues," said John Oxendine, president of the Washington D.C. - based group. Donations from major broadcasting companies like ABC and CBS helped to make it possible, as did the SBA, providing \$4 for every \$1 provided from Broadcap. At present, there are about 300 minority-owned TV and radio stations, compared with 50 ten years ago. Still, that is less than three percent of the total number of radio and TV stations in the U.S. 100,000.

Southwest Corp. Shells Out \$700,000 In Case Stemming From Racial Bias: Southwest Corp. (parent company of the 7-Eleven chain) was found guilty of intentional racial discrimination in the California case of a black couple who owned two stores in Los Angeles area. The suit alleged that the company pressured the couple to sell their store in a predominantly white area, while vetoing the sale to a qualified black man. Local officials instead initiate the sale of the store to a white franchisee, who did not meet the company's usual financial standards. The couple was awarded \$500,000 in damages, plus legal expenses. In short: Did you know that the cost of producing on a half-hour segment of "Cosby Show" averages \$75,000? Meanwhile, Magic Johnson has found another way to diversify his earning potential as he throws his hat into the promoter arena, with his first project, none other than Janet Jackson's two-night appearance at the Los Angeles Forum.

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# RELIGION

## Archdiocese of Newark holds youthfest

Youthfest '90, a celebration of Christian values for High School students, will be held at Seton Hall University in South Orange on Saturday, March 24, beginning at 10 a.m. The event, sponsored by the CYO Youth Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, is expected to draw over 1200 young people.

Following the theme of "Roots and Wings," Youthfest '90 will provide those in attendance with a full day of presentations and workshops. With topics chosen by youth, the program exemplifies the best that the Catholic Church can offer young people: an understanding of the Faith's roots and the symbolic wings provided by its inspiration.

Youthfest '90 is the third such annual event, and according to Fr. James Choma, director of the CYO Youth Ministry, its location at the Seton Hall Campus was prompted by the sold-out attendance of the Youthfests of '88 and '89, as well as the excellent facilities that the University offers.

"Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, said in a September 1987 address at the New Orleans Sudpeme, 'You young people must change society by your lives of justice and peace, and in order to change the world in the name of Jesus, you yourselves must actually be living your own identity - according to God's plan

for your lives,'" said Fr. Choma. "CYO Youth Ministry helps young people to look for their lives through traditional roots and inspirational wings. In our golden 50th anniversary year, CYO Youth Ministry is as committed as ever to showing youth the way. We invite all

youngsters in the Archdiocese to Newark to come celebrate with us at Youthfest '90."

The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, will concelebrate an afternoon Mass with priests from throughout the Diocese. Joseph

## Central Jersey 'Y' holds party

The YWCA of Central Jersey has a Mission expressed in its Purpose: "The Association brings together into responsible membership women and girls of diverse experiences and faiths, that their lives may be open to new understanding and deeper relationships and that together they may join in the struggle for peace and justice, freedom and dignity for all people."

In commemoration of Women's History Month, the YWCA of Central Jersey is sponsoring a Women's Networking and Press Party on Thursday, March 29th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at their facility at 51 Liv-

ington Avenue, New Brunswick. The event will be open to all women from the Middlesex County/Somerset area. Representatives from local newspapers and radio stations are encouraged

to attend this special gathering of diverse women in Business, Community, Service and Government. The evening will include a reception and a networking segment. Displays will be set up by organizations and agencies program services to the community. Please come and realize our Purpose during this special celebration of Women's History Month. For more information, please call the YWCA of Central Jersey at (201) 545-6622.

Cavanaugh, Director of Youth Frontiers in Minneapolis, will deliver the keynote address. Cavanaugh developed a youth program at Our Lady of Grace, Minneapolis where he worked for more than seven years. The day will close with a dance lasting until 10 p.m.

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## Workers needed

\*Shelters with sleeping facilities, including those for runaway and neglected children;

\*Shelters for abused women;

\*Low-cost hotels and motels (under \$125);

\*Hotels and motels used by localities to house homeless persons regardless of cost; and

\*Street and other non-sheltered locations, including train and bus stations and abandoned and boarded-up buildings

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**Plainfield, NJ 07060**

## Announcement:

Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D., publisher of the Minority Business Journal of New Jersey and City News, will be the guest speaker at the First Park Baptist Luncheon Fellowship on Sunday March 18, 1990.

Dr. Johnson will be discussing fellowship and economic development—the need to revive the cities.

Located at 315 West 7th at Central Avenue in Plainfield, the congregation welcomes the public to the fellowship luncheon at 12:30 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m.

The Union Baptist Church, 99 Union Avenue, Newark, New Jersey will be holding its annual "SENIOR CITIZEN DAY," on Sunday, March 18, 1990.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the church with dinner being served immediately following the service in the R.D. Spain Youth Center 109 Davenport Ave.

All those interested in attending should call the church at (201) 482-1664.

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**Pastor Charles Davis Nelson**

Saturday Worship ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday General Bible Class ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday General Bible Class ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.

*Praying Once A Week*

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call	754-3339
	Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Sun. day Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Wednesday ..... 8:00 p.m. Bible Class ..... 7:30 p.m. High Noon Prayer - Saturday ..... 12:00 NOON General Bible Class ..... 12:00 NOON Saturday
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First United Methodist Church

## Plainfield Community Church

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Sunday Service ..... 11:00 AM  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Healing Meeting ..... 8:15 AM  
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## Fenner is February student of the month

Dorian Fenner a junior at East Side High School was honored by Mayor Sharpe James and WNKW of Newark last month, when he received a \$250 award and the title of "Youth of the Month" for February. Fenner has won the honor of becoming city, county and state champion of the 800 meter and one-mile run. With a meet record of 53.9, Fenner the second fastest high school runner in New Jersey's track history. According to James, Fenner is "a product of the City of Newark's mini olympics, the Youth Games," a program set up by Mayor James to foster athletic development, discipline and the ability to work within a team structure. Fenner is a 17 year old, B student.



## Rice calls for response to community concerns

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years, absence of public awareness that the deficit existed prior to the last three School Board elections, the listing of all administrative positions and their salaries in the Chapter I programs, the number of conferences held in Newark and outside of Newark with the cost of each conference and source of funding, and the present Board of Education's "reserve," in terms of dollars.

Rice also stated that the Council is currently going through budget hearings and the State of New Jersey is presently auditing the Board. "The Citizens of Newark have a right to know why the schools budget has constantly increased, yet there is no corresponding growth of effective educational programs in schools, the students even have less time for the clean up."

"The children seemed to be brighter, more energetic, since Ms. Nelms came to the school," said Diane Knight, a parent. "However, there are still some things that have to be done to improve the school's appearance."

Another parent, George Green, and Holden stated they have visited the classroom and the odor of fumes was present in the air. The situation has been investigated but not resolved, according to the parents.

Morano said repairs are still being made at the school, the

man indicated that "neither the Council nor the Mayor have legal control over the Board of Education."

Citing the need for innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors in New Jersey's urban areas, Gov. Florio said: "School services cannot stop at the school-yard fence, because student problems don't stop there either. By initiating these programs, AT&T and its partners are providing the kind of leadership that is necessary to insure the future success of our inner-city youth."

We are particularly concerned about teen-agers because of the many long-term effects caused by these people, their families and the communities in which they live," said Larry Lockhart. "Our school-based programs can have a great impact on addressing the needs and concerns of these young parents so they can finish their education."

Other groups participating in the Plainfield project include: the Plainfield Health Center, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, \$90,000; National Starch and Chemical Corp., \$57,000; the Turrell Fund, \$35,000; the Black United Fund, \$19,000; the Plainfield Community Foundation, \$10,000; and the Hyde-Watson Foundation, \$3,000.

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## Belmont Runyon school

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From left to right Sheila Holden, Pamela Rawls, Pholbe Wellard, Diane Knight, Brenda Conover.



From left to right Anezella Nelms, Joseph Morano, Arthur Morano, and Dorothy Menoli.

"I look forward to working with the parents," said Morano. "The position will be challenging."

Morano has been involved in the Newark school system for 36 years. He was a vice-principal at Peshine Avenue School and a principal for 12 years at Maple Avenue School. Morano said he had been contemplating retiring but when he learned of the open position at Belmont Runyon, he expressed his interest in the school of 400 students (K through 6 grade).

Morano said he feels positive about the new position because of his experience in education. "All children are products of the Newark system. Education has always been the key to open more doors," he added. Nelms and Joseph Morano, the assistant superintendent of schools from the Newark Board of Education were performing the school functions during the absence of a principal. "I am very satisfied with the improvements that have been done thus far at the school," said Nelms. New programs have been implemented since the extensive clean up at the school, the

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## Professionals say fathers need involvement in parenting

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—While Ron and Diane Doss of Tupelo agreed to switch roles so that one parent could stay home with their youngest son, not all married couples are willing to put a career on hold or can financially afford only one income.

Because more women are

taking to the work force, men are finding themselves face to face with an increase in family responsibilities.

What they do with those responsibilities has a lot to do with the strength or failure of the family unit, says Terry Hargrave, assistant professor of family rela-

tions and home economics at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

Hargrave said unless fathers begin to realize they have as much at stake in parenting as the mother does, family life for dual-career households will remain in a chaotic state.

In the book titled "The Second Shift" by Berkley sociologist Arlie Hochschild, most men, those who talk equality, don't

much child rearing, cooking, cleaning, food shopping or enough other chores to count on the eyes of their wives.

While the family income may increase with both parents pounding the pavement, Hargrave said concerns on the forefront begin to surface, putting additional stress on the couple's already hectic schedule.

"Many women who work still

perform 90 percent of the house-

hold tasks," Hargrave said, "and this is not adequate for the changing times. Research indicates that when working men contribute time toward housework, marriages improve. It's a popular myth that men are beginning to take their roles as fathers seriously, that men are doing better jobs on the homefront. But in reality, the numbers don't match up."

Recent national studies by

Hochschild concluded that women spend 15 fewer hours at leisure each week than their husbands spend. In a year, they work an extra month of 24-hour days.

Women more often do two tasks at once—write checks and return phone calls; vacuum and keep an eye on a 2-year-old; fold laundry and plan the shopping list. Men more often cook dinner or take the child to the park. Women juggle three spheres—job, children and housework, while men juggle job and child.

In her interview of 50 couples, Hochschild also found that men do fewer of the "undesirable" household chores, like washing toilets and scrubbing floors. More men than women take their children on fun outings to the park, the zoo and other special events. Women spend more time feeding and bathing the children.

However, Hargrave said he believes economics will be the major push behind family changes in the 21st century, forcing families to become more dependent on themselves.

"For the last 20 years, when women began to go into the workforce, families began to pay more money to get things done—hiring someone to clean the house, hiring day care services, paying to get the car washed, eating out more," Hargrave said. "But I think the economic stress will land on the family's shoulders, and they won't be able to pay all the bills that come along with having two working parents."

Stan Odell, professor and chair of the psychology department at Ole Miss, said he believes men will become more involved in the caring and nurturing of their children as the 21st century approaches.

"There's nothing that suggests that parenting and caring behaviors are more innate than learned," he said. "Women tend to have more knowledge of these simply because they are taught parenting skills at a young age."

Through education and more social acceptance, Hargrave believes men will begin to see their parental role as more than a financial provider.

"It's more engrained in our culture that there's men's work and then there's women's work, especially in the South," Hargrave said. "But I think it's because children and nurturing are things we're capable of doing but simply have forgotten. Our culture is still male-dominated."

"In hopeful things will change. Males can exert their influence on children and can be a positive influence in the home if they just try. I think, in the 21st century, that's what will have to change. Males are the untapped resource in the family as far as children are concerned."

## Women and families in the 1990 Focus of WPC conference

Important issues facing women and families in the coming decade, including reproductive freedom, health, domestic violence and child welfare, will be discussed at a wide-ranging day-long conference on Friday, March 30 at William Paterson College in Wayne.

Titled "Women and Families in the 1990s: Issues and Choices," the program is the culmination of the college's celebration of March as Women's History Month. Sponsored by WPC's Center for Continuing Education, Women's Studies Program, Race/Gender Project and Office of Minority Education, the event is co-sponsored by 14 community organizations and six WPC students.

The conference is designed to provide a forum for women to come together and discuss the latest developments affecting themselves and their families. "During the 1980s, we saw tremendous legislative and political changes that impacted on women's rights," says Julie Barrier, assistant director of continuing education, who co-chairs an interdisciplinary planning committee of WPC faculty, staff and students with fellow continuing education assistant director Marina Cunningham. "Now, as we enter a new decade, is the perfect time for women to assess where we stand in today's society, and to discuss the issues and choices we will face in the near future."

Annamay Sheppard, president of the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and a professor at Rutgers Law School, will open the conference at 9:15 a.m. with her keynote address, "How Free is Reproductive Freedom?" Sheppard, who was admitted to the bar in 1960, is associate editor of the New Jersey Law Journal and a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Task Force on Women in the Courts.

Participants may choose from among ten workshops, ranging

from "The Changing Family: Present and Future Issues" to "Women's Spirituality and Creative Expression." "We felt the conference should, in addition to dealing with complex issues, also serve to celebrate the creativity, leadership potential and multicultural diversity of women," Barrier explains.

Following the workshops, Dr. Barbara Sandberg, WPC professor of Women's History Month, will direct "Arts for Women," a series of student presentations. The day will conclude with a wine and cheese reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Gallery in Paterson, which is presently hosting a special exhibit in honor of Women's History Month, "Womanspirit in the Father-Son City."

Admission to the conference is \$15. A special luncheon, at \$10 per person, will be offered on campus in conjunction with the conference, and will feature entertainment by the WPC Gospel Choir and WPC Creative Source Dance Ensemble. Fee for the wine and cheese reception is \$5.

Co-sponsors of the conference are: American Association of University Women; American Civil Liberties Union; American Jewish Committee; Division on Women, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Hispanic Association of the Bar; Education of New Jersey; Hispanic Women's Task Force of New Jersey; League of Women Voters, Wayne Chapter; National Council of Jewish Women, Area 9; National Council of Negro Women, Paterson Chapter; National Organization of Women, Northern New Jersey Chapter; Passaic County National Organization for Women; Planned Parenthood of Passaic County; Resource Center for Women, Summit; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Omicron Zeta Chapter, Newark.

For additional information on the conference, please call WPC's Center for Continuing Education at 201-595-2436.

## "Greening" of Newark begins



The first phase of an ambitious plan by the City of Newark to plant 2,500 trees each year until 2005 has begun along the Route 21 corridor, Mayor Sharpe James announced today.

The phase one project, funded with a \$250,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, also calls for the cleanup of adjacent areas along the roadway.

The City, using its own funds, will plant an additional 2,000 trees this year.

"This tree planting program launched Newark's 'Year of the Environment,'" Mayor James said.

"This is one of the many things we are doing in preparation for the Earth Day celebration on April 22. Newark has made a commitment to be in 'Global City' whose actions benefit the environment both locally and

throughout the world."

A city contractor is currently planting nearly 500 trees and hundreds of shrubs along the length of Route 21 (McCarter Highway), as well as thousands of flowers such as daffodils and tulips.

James said, "Planting greenery helps beautify our city, but even more importantly, these trees and shrubs will produce clean air, which is something that's been ignored far too long in urban areas."

According to Alvin Zach, director of the Newark Department of Engineering, trees are excellent weapons in the war on global warming, as well as the greenhouse effect.

"In order to live," Zach said, "trees take in carbon dioxide, which happens to be a major contributor to the greenhouse effect, and converts it to oxygen. Plants also absorb sunlight that would otherwise be reflected back into the atmosphere and cause further warming."

## Aids and women of colour

NEWARK, NJ—The incidence of AIDS is increasing among African-American and Latino women, with Essex County. To combat this rise, the first community seminar to focus on "AIDS AND WOMEN OF COLOUR" will be held on Saturday, March 24 at Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, room 2131, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We felt that we needed to do some AIDS education on a larger level," says Det. Patricia Smith, an AIDS Education Specialist with the Essex County Sheriff's Office and coordinator of the seminar. Currently, there are over 2600 AIDS cases in the county.

Workshops topics include the psychological impact of HIV and AIDS, HIV in the workplace, the

male response to HIV infected women, the religious community's involvement with AIDS issues, HIV and adolescents, and HIV and substance abuse.

"Women engaged in high risk behavior are one of the major concerns of this seminar," says Det. Smith, who is also a registered nurse. "We're seeing an increasing number of young people turning up HIV positive. If we can reach out to young people in the ten towns we might be able to curb the disease."

"AIDS AND WOMEN OF COLOUR" is open to the public, but registration is requested. Free lunch and parking will be provided.

For more information, please call the Essex County Sheriff's Office at 201-621-4139.

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## BILLBOARD

March 20

Spencer Christian, sports reporter for WABC-TV's *Eye witness News* and weatherman on ABC's "Good Morning America" will appear at Essex County College's Mary B. Burch Theater at 1:00 p.m.

March 23

Sweet Honey In The Rock, State Theater in New Brunswick, 8:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

March 24

Sweet Honey In The Rock, Essex County College, Newark, 7:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

March 25

Sweet Honey In The Rock, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, 4:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

## NCSA presents spring dance recital

The Newark Community School of the Arts (NCSA) will present its second annual Spring Dance Recital on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street in Newark.

Under the direction of NCSA Dance Department Chairman Roberto Artega, 300 students, ages 3 to adult, will perform various dance forms including ballet, tap, modern, jazz and ethnic dance numbers, choreographed by NCSA faculty members.

Faculty members participating include Ivette Garcia, Natasha Grishin and Roberto Artega, ballet; Elizabeth Canzana, tap; Krystall Hall, modern and jazz; and Louises Louis, African dance.

Tickets to the Spring Dance Recital are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and seniors and can be obtained at NCSA Tuesday through Thursday, 9am - 6:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 9am - 5pm; or at Newark's Symphony Hall the day of the performance.

The Newark Community School of the Arts is New Jersey's largest arts school with an enrollment of approximately 2000 students. Instruction in music, dance, drama and the visual arts are available.

For more ticket or enrollment information, call NCSA at (201) 642-0133.

Funding is made possible, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

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## Eubie! creates musical history at Kean-Brown

Plainfield, N.J. The highly-acclaimed National Black Spectrum Theatre's production of *Eubie!* opening at the Grant Avenue Community Center's Kean-Brown Centre Stage in Plainfield on Thursday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m., offers a sensational lesson in historical theater.

*Eubie!* provides a dazzling sampling of six decades of music composed by the late great Eubie Blake, spanning from the 1899 "Charleston Rag" to the 1958 "Hooray!" Comprised of 24 songs and dance numbers, it recreates the authentic rags to riches legend of this prolific artist. The show will also play in Plainfield on Friday and Saturday.

Blake's own musical debut was as a "melodeon player for Dr. Frazier's Medicine Show. By 1900, at age 17, he bought his parents an \$800 home with his earnings which greatly exceeded those of his father, a stowaway. Blake is known for changing music theatre history overnight in 1921 when his production *Shuffle Along* became the first Black Musical to play on Broadway, then the Great Milly White Way. *Shuffle Along* introduced two of the most famous Black artists, dancer Josephine Baker and singer/dancer Paul Robeson.

The show, *Eubie!*, itself made history by giving flowers to an artist who was still living when the original Broadway production played to continually packed houses in the late seventies. The only spoken words during the entire performance were by tap dancer Gregory Hines, launching his stage and career.

Stephanie Sennin, the Assistant Choreographer for the show being presented in Plainfield, choreographed *Porgy* for the Calgary Opera during the 1989 Winter Olympics in that Canadian city.

The cast ensemble is comprised of seasoned Broadway, Off-Broadway and recording artists, including among others:



Grant Avenue Community Center in Plainfield presents the best in Broadway musical history with the National Black Spectrum Theatre's production of *Eubie!* playing Thursday, March 22 through Saturday, March 24. Curtain is 8:00 p.m. For ticket information call (201) 561-0128.

Broadway version of *Eubie!* Stephen Semini, the Assistant Choreographer for the show being presented in Plainfield, choreographed *Porgy* for the Calgary Opera during the 1989 Winter Olympics in that Canadian city.

The cast ensemble is comprised of seasoned Broadway, Off-Broadway and recording artists, including among others:

\* Ricki Brooks, the recording vocalist on *I Need Love*

\* Jean Chick, star of the Broadway productions *America, Corner, Broadway Soul 88*, and *It's So Nice to be Civilized*

\* Cisco X. Drayton, who worked with Gregory Hines in *Cotton Club*. Fred Payne in *Sophisticated Ladies* and *Melissa Moon in Purline*.

\* Randy Flood who performed Off-Broadway in *Mama I Want to Sing* and in the national tour of *The Wiz, Journey Into Blackness*, and *Harlem Heyday*.

*Eubie!* is the second production in the 1990 Theatre Season of the Grant Avenue Community Center, under the artistic direction of Herman Levern Jones. This season is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council On The Arts and National Endowment For The Arts.

Tickets for *Eubie!* and subscriptions for the season are on sale now at the Center, 409 Grant Avenue in Plainfield. Advance adult tickets are priced at \$20. Youth and senior advance tickets are \$10. Group discounts are available. Door prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth and seniors.

For more information call (201) 561-0128.

The Hudlin Brother, Regg (left) and Warrington (right) join Clarence Lille of the Theatre of Universal Images at the after-party of the screening to their new movie "House Party" held at the Newark Museum.



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## 'House Party' brings father and son a day of fun

by Calvin Spurgeon

I have made it a point to go to the movies with my children to see some of the popular celluloids that interest them despite of my apprehensions. This "House Party" was the choice.

Knowing the movie had an "R" rating, like any good parent

I lectured about the importance of going to see "Glory," a movie with more meaning. Something that would not spite of my apprehensions. This "House Party" was the choice.

I shouted at my son who was determined to convince me that "House Party" was better. "I already know about "Glory," he said. "Yeah, but you haven't seen the story," I retorted. "Glory" is an adult movie. I am tired of adult movies, I want to see something funny, I haven't seen anything funny all year," he bellowed. I thought to myself... "This kid is making some good points... but I can't give in now. My argument against going is just too good to let go. I am not going to always pouting, I thought to myself... "Why do I want to go to the movie tonight to see the movie or be with my son. Let's go see "House Party," I said. He said, "what changed your mind," I said, "You."

"House Party" is worth seeing with the kids but there is a lot you need to talk about afterward. Talk about how the movie was made, the acting, the financing of movies, and how movies are expected to generate income for their investors. But after you talk

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# CITY SPORTS

## Manetc. -- Making a Difference

by Fern Taylor



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### 'Pearls' Fame

It was so nice to see Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, a playground legend, get elected to the NBA Hall of Fame, even if (for some unknown reason) they made him wait four years to receive the honor.

The "Pearl," who was the "Magic Man" before Earvin Johnson acquired the name, represented the best that the city playgrounds had to offer. He showcased and legitimized this unique style of play in arenas throughout the NBA while playing for the Baltimore Bullets and the New York Knicks.

"The Pearl" had so many moves and was such a creative force with the basketball, that defenders were often left flat-footed trying to guard him. "It's hard (for defenders) to guard him because he doesn't know what I'm going to do next," he once said. "I don't even know what I'm going to do next." Monroe would use his patented reverse change move, the under hand scoop shot, or his double pump floater in traffic to befuddle opponents and amaze the fans.

"The Pearl" was truly a joy to watch and put on a show good every night. Much like former stars Elgin Baylor, Julius Erving and present stars like Michael Jordan, Monroe created a style of play which has been copied by ball players all over the nation. In this case, imitation is indeed the sincerest form of flattery. Congratulations, Mr. Monroe.



Woodrow William of St. Anthony's of Jersey City Guards St. Peters' Darryl James in the Parochial Boys B State Final in Lincroft, St. Anthony's won 69 - 49. St. Peters is from New Brunswick. photo by Brian Branch

## The great Wilt Chamberlain

PHILADELPHIA-In sports, the cliché is that records are made to be broken. That was brought home to fans when Babe Ruth's "uninspired" record of 60 home runs in a season was topped in 1961 when Roger Maris slammed 61 homers, or when Ruth's career home run record was smashed by Hammering Hank Aaron.

There are many other records that have stood the test of time, including Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. But there is one record, this writer feels, that is absolute.

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But no one will come close to another record Wilt set in the 1961-62 season: averaging 50.4 points a game over a full season.

Today, it is major news when a player scores 50 or more points two or three times in a row, as witness the feat turned in by Bernard King several seasons ago when he was a member of the Knicks. A similar performance by Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls also produced a spate of book-length articles of the star's powers.

At 7-foot-1, Chamberlain didn't tower over his NBA foes. There were others as tall, and some even taller. But he towered over everyone with his talent. The year he averaged 50 points a season for the then-Philadelphia Warriors, he also averaged 25 rebounds a game over the entire season.

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"If any time is right, this is it," Miller said of trying to re-arrange Chamberlain's number. "When I talked to Wilt, he said he thought this was a good idea.

"To me, it's a sin to have the greatest player who ever lived and not have his number retired in his honor. It's something that should be done."

If the negotiations are successful, No. 13 will wave from the rafters of the Spectrum. If not, the deal will be off.

"The trouble is," said one of Chamberlain's former teammates, "that Wilt is so close to perfection, he's always being compared to the perfect. If he did everything better than anyone else, someone

would say something like, 'He's alright, but he doesn't have a very good game with his right foot.'

A native of West Philadelphia, Chamberlain starred at Overbrook High School, the University of Kansas and one year with the Harlem Globetrotters before he joined the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors. He was with the team when they moved to San Francisco, then was traded back to the Philadelphia 76ers before ending his career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

He played for the Sixers from 1964-65 through the 1967-68, leading them to the 1966-67 NBA championship. And during his 14-year NBA career, he won seven scoring titles, 11 rebounding titles and led the league in assists in 1967-68. He won four Most Valuable Player awards and was selected All-NBA seven times and twice was named to the all-defensive team.

Yet, at the Spectrum, the Sixers' home, you won't find Chamberlain's No. 13 jersey. Until now, he has refused to allow the team to honor him.

Miller, however, Chamberlain has given his permission to the Sixers to discuss the possibility of retiring his number.

"We hope the agreement happens," said Sixers general manager John Nash. "We've been the

willing party; he's always been unwilling. We've tried to do this ever since (July 1981). Wilt has always intimated that he'd be willing, but then never set a date. We hope it happens."

Representing Chamberlain in the talks is Vince Miller, the basketball coach at Frankford, Pa., High School and a teammate of the superstar at Overbrook High. And, as of last week, the reason Chamberlain has refused to have his number retired by the Sixers is because he feels he was lied to by the Sixers' former owner, Ike Richman.

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"We've spoken at Youth Development Centers to kids between the ages of 13 and 18 that are in these homes for 25 hours a day for petty crimes. I think we've impacted some of these kids lives. 'You can't change everybody,' he added. 'But what we are trying to do is to show them that are positive black male role models out there which are not necessarily very prevalent in the neighborhoods, in the communities in which they live.'

MANetc. is currently working with the Newark Boys and Girls club on James Street on possible programs in the Newark area. The brothers in MANetc. are willing to work with organizations to help make a difference. The phone number at MANetc. is (201) 667-2293.



Olympian Jettie Clark used the 18th Annual Newark Distance Classic as a training run.



The 16th Annual Newark Distance Classic drew more than 2,000 people. The winners were: 200m, 100m, 200m relay, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 10,000m, 100m hurdles, 200m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles, 4x100m relay, 4x200m relay, 4x400m relay, 4x800m relay, 4x1500m relay, 4x3000m relay, 4x5000m relay, 4x10,000m relay. (Penn State graduate student), Newark resident 18-year-old Nine Santo of St. Benedict's Prep. won the 2-mile run. Mitch Barnes of Newark won the 4-mile run.

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